

FLA. SHIP CANAL

to Cross the Peninsula and Connect Ocean and Gulf

ON. D. U. FLETCHER TALKS

Was Largely Discussed by Inland Waterways Convention. A Great Project

The project of cutting the peninsula of Florida in two by an east and west ship canal connecting the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, was the leading question before the convention of the Gulf Coast Inland Waterways Association in session at Columbus, Ga. Senator-Elect D. U. Fletcher of Florida tonight outlined this plan to the convention in a speech in which he said:

"We must meet waterway improvements in foreign countries by waterway improvements at home if we would maintain supremacy or even standing in markets abroad.

The problem of the cheapest and safest means of transportation now required by the Southern, Western and Northern growers is solved when the United States gulf ports are opened and a Florida ship canal on the lock system is constructed.

A ship canal across the peninsula of Florida would shorten by about 500 miles the route from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico, especially to the gulf ports of the United States, and would the dangerous navigation of the Gulf Stream through the straits of Florida. By this canal the commerce of the Northern continent would be placed more than 1,000 miles nearer to the Central American republics.

The general opinion seems to be that a tide water canal is impracticable, the lock canal almost a straight across the narrowest part of the peninsula could be selected, passing through a number of large lakes and some portions of rivers. This canal would be a part of the contemplated inland water circuit of the whole of the central and eastern parts of the United States east of the Rocky Mountains.

It is estimated that the canal can be dug for \$50,000,000. It has been estimated also that more than 30,000,000 tons would pass through the canal annually, which does not include the enormous traffic from Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rica or certain other countries whose traffic would bring the tonnage under a reasonable estimate to a total of 60,000,000 tons annually."

Nine Counties for State Fair.

The counties assured for the state fair February 3-27 guarantees one of the best agricultural exhibits that the fairs of Florida have ever boasted and with the added incentive of free admission it is certain that the number of exhibits will exceed those of former years.

Yesterday's mail brought positive assurance that nine counties will be represented with exhibits when the gates of the fair open. These counties are Ocala, Lee, Polk, DeSoto, Manatee, Pasco, and Columbia. With all of the floor space that they desire, and with the encouragement that the fair association proposes to give to the county exhibits, it is certain that these will be added to, and that when the gates are open that more than twice the number of counties represented at the fair will have exhibits in the building.

Under the direction of F. C. Bowyer, the board of directors, during the past week, all of the certificates of premium scrip and diplomas have been prepared for mailing. This is a task that requires a great deal of fair management, and the board of directors has been very successful in this work. The result of the mailing of the certificates and diplomas will be a great increase in the number of those entitled to the premium certificates and diplomas. The management of the fair is being handled in a most efficient manner, and in the event of a successful fair, the board of directors will be well rewarded for their efforts.



Cladendone Vine at Bushnell's Nurseries, Arcadia

A rate of one fare from all points in Georgia and Florida have been secured which insures a larger attendance to the fair than ever known before.—Tampa Tribune.

Worth \$500 Per Acre.

Some weeks ago we made mention of Mr. Jones' chufa crop which yielded at the rate of \$500 per acre, and the people who always knock, said, "yes, but a few acres like that would flood the market." Now here is a crop which equals it and where the marketing possibilities are practically unlimited. From a single row 100 feet long taken from his field of Japanese cane, M. L. P. Biddle made ten gallons of syrup, good syrup it was, too, for we tried a quart of it, which came with his compliments. An acre of such cane, planted in rows 5 1/2 feet apart would give 800 gallons per acre, but this cane was this year's planting and every one who knows anything of Japanese cane knows that the subsequent years give a much better yield than the first. On some of the same land of the second year's crop Mr. Biddle has cane that will run 25 per cent better than this, or at the rate of 1,000 gallons to the acre, worth at least 50 cents per gallon or \$500 per acre. Indeed, mixed syrups not nearly so good as this have been selling here for 75 cents per gallon.—DeFuniak Breeze.

The Country Editor.

His better you will have to seek Beyond my ken. He saves the country once a week With virile pen. Wrong in its very bud he nips In fearless way; Hews to the line and lets the chips Fall where they may. He boasts his county and his town; For right he stands. He calls the haughty tyrants down Of foreign lands. And for it all he taketh greens, Potatoes, squash, Cordwood, horseradish, cider, beans, And even cash.

—Farm Journal.

Just as soon as Mr. Roosevelt leaves the White House he will have to smell of every dollar that comes into his hands to keep from being caught with Standard Oil money on his person. Even the "Outlook" which he is to edit is owned by a "Standard Oil" Magnate.

Mr. Morse says he would as soon be sentenced for life as for fifteen years. Well, we have no objection to accommodating him if he insists.

ANOTHER WEDDING

Arcadians Given a Complete Surprise This Week

MISS BAIRD TO D. H. SCOTT

Marriage Took Place at Gainesville, Rev. R. L. Baker Officiating

It was almost a surprise to all of us when we heard the other day that "Uncle Dave Scott had gone away to get married. It would have been a surprise had we not heard the same story so many times when it was a pure joke, that we hardly believed it this time, but nevertheless we were all on hand Tuesday morning to see Mr. and Mrs. David H. Scott come to their future home in Arcadia.

They were met at the depot by a large gathering of friends, and the Ed. Scott automobile was most appropriately decorated with old shoes in waiting for the newly wedded couple. As the train drew up at the depot rice was gotten in readiness, and when the wedding party appeared enough was showered upon them to last for a long while. After congratulations and best wishes they were escorted to the waiting automobile and taken to the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Scott.

Miss Edith Baird and Mr. David H. Scott were united in matrimony at Gainesville, the home of the bride's parents, Rev. R. L. Baker and the bride's pastor at Gainesville, officiating.

Both of these young people are known to almost all of Arcadia and surrounding country, the bride having taught in the Arcadia High school, and the groom being one of our most prominent and highly respected business men, being Cashier of the State Bank of Arcadia, and a partner in the Scott Bros. orange groves and fruit business, besides other interests.

"Uncle" Dave Scott was always a favorite in social circles and Mrs. Scott a fitting life mate.

The Champion extends hearty best wishes to the newly married couple. May their life together bring them all of this world's joys and none of its sorrows.

The Sacred Concert.

The Sacred Concert at the Presbyterian church last Friday night was an eminent success both from a musical and financial standpoint. The church has lately

installed a new piano and has other improvements in view that cost money and the thirty dollars contributed will be quite a help.

The music, both vocal and instrumental, was above the average and the recitations were very fine. Altogether the affair was one of the pleasantest of the season.

Fall Pineapple Crop is Large.

The second car of pineapples of the season from the immediate vicinity of Miami were sent out yesterday by T. V. Moore, one of the largest pineapple growers in the State. The fruit was of exceptional quality and size, fully one-third of the car being 18s, and the balance of the car being 24s. Mr. Moore states that the fall crop of pineapples consists of exceptionally fine fruit, and is larger and better than ever before known here. This is attributed to the drought, which held back the bloom early in the season. The shipping of pines will soon be general and carload shipments will be a daily occurrence from all points on the lower east coast where the fruit is grown.—Miami News-Record.

How to Succeed.

There was a fellow in our town, And he was far from wise; He tried to run a store one time And didn't advertise. No profits came his way at all, His store soon failed, instead. Then he went out and blamed the town; He said that it was dead.

A moral's here for those who think; It's this: Invest in printer's ink.

—Denver Post.

Mr. Morse was probably selected as an example of the millionaire in jail because he violated the rule which prohibits stealing from another thief, which is a serious thing in New York. Stealing from the common people is, of course another thing.

Chicago's mayor complains that he is unable to get a day's work out of the city employees. Yet he was nominated and elected as "Freddie," the strongest proposition ever offered the windy city.

Delinquent subscribers are to be severely dealt with in the "Outlook," henceforth. The man who would "beat" his subscription is an undesirable citizen.

Since Mr Morse soaked John W. Gates and Charley Schwab it is not surprising to learn that burglars have recently cleaned out Big Bill Devery.

The Kaiser has not yet learned his trade. What he needs is a Loch.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL

Program Given of the Picesto be Contested

HONOR ROLLS FOR THE WEEK

Preparations Being Made for a Declamatory Contest to be Held November 27th

Both the boys and girls are enjoying outdoor basket ball these fine days.

We are glad to report that Miss Brinson is improving, and that she hopes to be in her place by next week.

Remember the Declamatory Contest Friday evening, November 27, at the school auditorium. An admission charge of 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for children will be made to defray the expenses of the school representative to the State Declamatory Contest to be held in Gainesville, January 1, 1909. The exercises will begin at 7:30 instead of 8 o'clock as was announced last week. The names of the contestants are: Martha Livingston, Louie Morgan, Bernard Noble, Wilbur Carlton, Edmond Scott, Grady Burton, William Mitchell and Chester Dishong.

PROGRAM

Music, Tam O'Shanter, Geo. W. Warren
Reba Bourne
Declamation, My Little Newsboy.....
Martha Livingston
Cigarette's Last Ride.....Ouida
Louie Morgan
Music, When the Lights are Low.....
Kate Whidden, Inez Clark
Declamation, One Day Solitary, Trobridge
Edmond Scott
Dr. Carter and his Mother.....
Bernard Noble
Music, Awakening of the Lion, Koutski
Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Daniel
Miss Penick, Kate Carlton
Declamation, The Death of Lafayette...
William Mitchell
The New South.....Henry W. Grady
Grady Burton
Music, Le Cavalier Fantastique..Godard
Bessie Wood
Declamation, The Boy Orator of Zepata
City.....
Wilbur Carlton
Devotion to Duty.....D. N. Shelley
Chester Dishong
Music, Grand Festival March.....
Kate Carlton, Fannie Watson,
Elsie Williamson, Miss Penick

HONOR ROLLS

First Grade. Roxey Cox, Cyril Miller, Laeto Mobley, Herbert Parker, Everline Platt, James Higginbotham, Evadna Hamilton, Leonard Smart, Madge Seward, Gordon Hays, Carolyn White, Oscar Sheller, Maggie Keene, Luby Smith, Nellie Holmer, Joe Simmons, Lula Brown, Fred Gore, Hilda Pearce, Edwin Wey, Hazel Lamb, Elbert Myer, Nell Steele, James Heard, Dora Douglass, Finley Blackwell, Lola Harward, Byrad Brooker, Cuba Beck.
Second Grade. Edwin Parker, James Driggers, Junior Pellham, Lamar Carlton, Alex Hendry, Alvin Reilum, Winnie Dear, Susie Stonebraker, Blanche Conell, Mattie Langford, Charlotte Seward, Havannah Keen, Ella Ralls.
Third Grade. Forrest Wever, Claude Adkison, Sadie Faulkner, Vera Lamb, Florida Houston, Clara Blount, Minnie Ennis.
A division of 3rd grade and 4th grade omitted by mistake.
Fifth Grade. Bertie Goe, Lillie Dear, William Heard, Edward Lock, John Grunholzer.
Sixth Grade. Lillian Cox, Ruth Holmer, Lillian Wood, Lenora Woodruff, Vera Welles, Doyle Clay, Otis Causey, Bert Draughton, Tommie McCray, George Stonebraker, Vergil Kellam.
Seventh Grade. Frank Stonebraker, Virgil Steele, Sophy May Smith.
Eighth Grade. Mildred Morgan, Lilla McBride.
High School. Bernard Noble, Audrey Freeman, Fannie Watson, Lawler Word, Lonie Morgan, Wilbur Carlton, Edmond Scott, Gertrude Martin, Luther Martin, Leslie Bryan, Upshur Quinby, Erroll Morgan, Grady Burton.
BEST GRADES IN MUSIC.
Class No. 1. Lillian Wood, Marie Martin, Zoella King, Emily Smith, Maude Smith, Gladys Machory, Lillian Martin.
Class No. 2. Kate Whidden, Gerda Holmer, Inez Clark, Kate Carlton, Lilla McBride, Audrey Freeman.
Cants. Nelle Ford.